

Claims

1. A method of operating a computer system (1) on which an application (5) is installed, said method comprising the steps of:

verifying whether a predetermined run authorization for the application (5) is present, and,

in the absence of said predetermined run authorization, decreasing the speed of execution of the application (5) on the computer system (1) as compared to the speed of execution of the application (5) in the presence of the predetermined run authorization.

2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the decrease in the speed of execution is increased with time.

3. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein a resource provided to the application (5) by the computer system (1) is made scarce in order to decrease the speed of execution.

4. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein the bandwidth at which the application (5) communicates with a software module and/or a hardware module of the computer system (1) is reduced in order to decrease the speed of execution.

5. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein the verification step is repeated and preferably executed more slowly in order to decrease the speed of execution.

6. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein the computing power of the computer system (1) is reduced in order to decrease the speed of execution.

7. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein code, in particular code of the application (5), is executed in order to decrease the speed of execution.

8. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein the system performance required by the application (5) during execution is increased in order to decrease the speed of execution.

9. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein execution of the application (5) is temporarily interrupted in order to decrease the speed of execution.

10. The method as claimed in any one of the above Claims, wherein, in addition to the decrease in the speed of execution, the readability of the user interface (8) of the application displayed on an output unit (4) of the computer system (1) is deteriorated, said deterioration in readability preferably increasing with time.

11. A method of operating a computer system (1) on which an application (5) is installed, said method comprising the steps of:

verifying whether a predetermined run authorization for the application (5) is present, and,

in the absence of said predetermined run authorization, deteriorating the readability of a user interface (8) of the application (5) displayed on an output unit (4) of the computer system (1) as compared to the user interface (8) displayed in the presence of the predetermined run authorization.

12. The method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the contrast, the brightness of the displayed user interface (8) is decreased and/or the transparency of the displayed user interface (8) is increased in order to reduce readability.

13. A computer system (1) comprising an installed application and a means of verification (6, 7), which verifies whether a predetermined run authorization for the application (5) is present, and, if said predetermined run authorization is not present, causes the speed of execution of the application (5) on the computer system (1) to be lower than the speed of execution of the application (5) in the presence of the predetermined run authorization and/or causes the readability of a user interface (8) of the application (5) displayed on an output unit (4) of the computer system (1) to deteriorate as compared to the readability of the displayed user interface (8) in the presence of the predetermined run authorization.

14. A computer program product, comprising software code, by which the steps of the method according to any one of Claims 1 to 12 are executed once the product is running on a computer system.